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1. This communication is responsive to applicant's May 03 20	<u>004 letter</u> .		
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>1-18</u> .			
3. \square The drawings filed on <u>08/18/03 & 05/03/04</u> are accepted by	the Examiner.		
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EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1). The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The instant application is deemed to be directed to a non-obvious improvement

over the invention patented in U.S. Patent No. 6,650,722. The improvement

comprises branch amplifier cards for a nuclear reactor control rod drive control

system wherein the said branch amplifier cards control clusters of transponder

cards operating through a control processor in a manner that is configured to add

AC voltage threshold level information in order to acknowledge word data with

and without transponder trouble information.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later

than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on

Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

2). Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to John Richardson whose telephone number is (703) 305

0764. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday from 7.00 AM to

4.30 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Carone, can be reached on (703) 306 4198. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 305 7687.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308 1113. RACTIMO SPE 3641

John Richardson, PE,

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